

MINUTES
EMERGENCY CARE ADVISORY BOARD
APRIL 21, 2010, 4:00 P.M.
AMARILLO CITY HALL
509 S.E. SEVENTH AVENUE
CITY COMMISSION CHAMBER

Members

Dr. Brian Eades	Amarillo City Commission
Dr. Roger Smalligan	Public Health Authority
Dr. Darrell Morgan	Northwest Texas Healthcare System
Dr. Brian Barkley	Baptist St. Anthony's Health System
Craig Bryan	Amarillo Hospital District
Robert Saunders	American Medical Response, Inc.
Steve Ross	Fire Chief

Also Present

Jarrett Atkinson	Deputy City Manager
Dean Frigo	Assistant City Manager of Finance
Marcus Norris	City Attorney
Blair Harris	Management Analyst
Donna DeRight	City Secretary

ITEM 1: Dr. Eades called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.

ITEM 2: Dr. Eades introduced the Board Members and City Staff.

ITEM 3: Dr. Eades explained the terms for the Board Members need to be staggered to avoid having a turnover of the board at the same time. Dr. Brian Barkley and Dr. Darrell Morgan drew one-year terms and Dr. Brian Eades, Dr. Roger Smalligan and Craig Bryan drew two-year terms. Robert Saunders and Steve Ross serve without term limits.

ITEM 4: Dr. Eades advised that a Chair and Vice-Chair needed to be appointed at this time. Dr. Smalligan nominated Dr. Eades as Chair. Dr. Eades excused himself as Chair and Dr. Barkley called for a vote. Voting AYE were Dr. Smalligan, Dr. Morgan, Dr. Barkley, Mr. Bryan, Mr. Saunders and Mr. Ross; voting NO were none; ABSTAINING was Dr. Eades; the motion carried by a 6:0:1 vote. Dr. Smalligan was nominated for Vice-Chair and Dr. Barkley called for a vote. Voting AYE were Dr. Eades, Dr. Morgan, Dr. Barkley, Mr. Bryan, Mr. Saunders and Mr. Ross; voting NO were none; ABSTAINING was Dr. Smalligan; the motion carried by a 6:0:1 vote.

ITEM 5: Mr. Norris appeared before the board to advise them of the Open Meetings Act. He explained why City boards and commissions must follow the Open Meetings Act and that it carries criminal penalties. He advised that they are required to complete the online training of the Open Meetings Act within 90 days of their appointment.

ITEM 6: Mr. Atkinson explained that the board is to provide oversight and direction to the City's Medical Director on matters and issues related to the quality of patient care, medical treatment, equipment use and other medical related issues affecting delivery of emergency medical service by the City and the agency holding the ambulance permit.

Mr. Saunders provided an update on the Amarillo Medical Services since they took over the operation of the ambulance service. He advised that they are just now getting data that will help them determine how they are operating and if any changes might need to be made. Chief Ross gave an overview the Fire Department's role as a first responder to life-threatening medical emergencies. He advised that they will continue to promote and pursue a cooperative and supportive relationship with AMS and other pre-hospital team agencies and members.

ITEM 7: Mr. Atkinson advised that the board probably needs to meet on a monthly basis at first and then it could probably be less often. It was decided to meet the third Wednesday of each month at 4:30 p.m. The next meeting will be held on May 26, 2010, at 4:30 p.m. at the Emergency Operations Communication Center.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Dr. Brian Eades, Chairman